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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

The abstract has been re-written and put in a separated page and the end of this office action.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claim 5 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse. Accordingly, claim 5 has been cancelled.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art does not teach nor fairly suggest a calendered coated paper as it is now claimed, i.e., with the coated weight, oil absorbency, determined by soybean oil absorbed at a pressure of 50 kPa for 20 seconds and the claimed Bekk smoothness. See also applicants' remarks filed on September 30, 2010

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to José A. Fortuna whose telephone number is 571-272-1188. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Matthew J. Daniels can be reached on 571-272-2450. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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ABSTRACT

The present invention aims to provide coated papers for newsprint inks having fast ink drying properties comparable to those of conventional newsprint papers, without stickiness, and having good reproduction and sharpness of printed images comparable to those of coated papers printed using penetration drying type inks; as well as processes for preparing them. The invention provides for a coated printing paper for newsprint inks comprising a coating layer containing a pigment and an adhesive on a base paper, characterized in that the coating layer on the base paper has a coat weight of 4.0 g/m^2 or more per side and that the coated paper has an oil absorbency under pressure of 20 g/m^2 or more and a Bekk smoothness of 75 seconds or less; as well as a process for preparing the paper.